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TAGS: PFOR, MASS, SP, US

SUBJECT: LOAN OF 105MM AMMUNITION TO SPANISH NAVY

REF: CHIEF JUSMG/DTG 071718Z NOV 75

1. WE WISH TO DRAW DEPT'S ATTENTION TO REFTTEL, WHICH ASKS
EARLIEST POSSIBLE DECISION ON SPANISH NAVY REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE
DELIVERY FROM USMC WAR RESERVE STOCKS IN SPAIN OF SEVERAL THOUSAND
ROUNDS OF 105MM AMMUNITION.

2. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THIS REQUEST IS RELATED TO EVENTS IN THE
SAHARA, ALTHOUGH THE SPANISH MARINE CORPS, FOR WHOM THIS ORDER
WAS PLACED, IS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NOT YET IN POSITION ON SHORE.

3. WE WISH TO UNDERLINE THAT A DECISION NOT TO PROVIDE AT THIS
TIME THIS AMMUNITION WHICH WAS ALREADY ON APPROVED ORDER BY THE
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SPANISH NAVY WOULD BE VERY BADLY RECEIVED HERE BY ALL ELEMENTS OF

THE SPANISH GOVT. THEY WOULD FEEL COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED IN CHARGING THAT A US REFUSAL REFLECTED SUPPORT FOR THE MOROCCAN INCURSION. THIS WOULD PARTICULARLY BE SO IN LIGHT OF THE ONGOING US ARMS PROGRAM WITH MOROCCO AND REPORTS HERE THAT US ARMS SHIPMENTS HAVE ARRIVED IN MOROCCO AS RECENTLY AS OCT 31.

4. THE MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS IN THIS CASE MAY NOT BE OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE SPANISH. HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE INDEED OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THIS REQUEST BE APPROVED EXPEDITIOUSLY. IF IT IS, WE WILL, OF COURSE, SEEK TO IMPRESS ON THE SPANISH THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY.
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